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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Security Agency

SUBJECT: Read-out Equipment with Regard to
the Product of Project AQUATONE

1. In the course of the last year, there have been several discussions with representatives of your Agency to attempt to determine the equipment needs of the National Security Agency

to read and analyze tapes obtained through Project AQUATONE which contain communications signals.

2. The Central Intelligence Agency is now in the process of providing at its own expense to the National Security Agency by agreement certain pieces of equipment known in the trade as the "C", "E", and "F" racks. These are considered by technical personnel to be the minimum equipments required for making use of the recordings accomplished by AQUATONE. As the National Security Agency proceeds to use this equipment, it may be assured that technical personnel of this Agency are available through Dr. Ralph Clark to answer questions and provide technical guidance.

3. The interests of this Agency are as follows:

a. To obtain promptly certain information of operational significance which may be of especial value when analyzed in conjunction with ELINT recorded simultaneously, and

b. To provide such assistance as possible toward the eventual full exploitation of the tapes for all intelligence they may contain.

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4. It may be that after some experience National Security Agency will find that it needs additional units of this equipment for Headquarters In such case, you may feel free to call upon the Central Intelligence Agency for procurement on a reimbursable basis. If it is your judgment that an additional set of racks is required in the immediate future, it will be necessary for you to place your request with us promptly. In the event that your experience does not show that the equipment as provided by Central Intelligence Agency is useful, we would appreciate having it returned to us in order that it can be used in the processing of ELINT material.

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5. Would you please let us know if the procedures outlined in paragraph 3 are agreeable to you.

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Project Director

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